

Re: National Teacher Industrial Strike Action

Dear Parent/ Carer,

You may have seen in the news nationally, matters relating to industrial action that is under dispute between the Government and certain teaching unions. Members of the National Education Union (NEU), which represents hundreds of thousands of teachers and non-teaching school based staff across the country; has balloted its members and voted to take strike action on the projected dates listed below (it is possible that the dates will change or be cancelled).

The strike action is not a dispute between Dixons Academies Trust, the local authority or our school specifically; only between the members of the union and the Government. However, we do have a large proportion of our teaching staff in the NEU. As a result, we have no choice but to close the school to the majority of students on these days to ensure safe operation and supervision for your children.

Arrangements for Y7 – Y10 and Y12

Y7 – Y10 and Y12 will work from home with work set on MS Teams. However, we also recognise that some students work with more support and may need that support to access the online work. As a result, these students are also being offered the opportunity to work in school, supervised, with access to our IT facilities. The parents/carers for children qualifying for this support will be contacted individually. Please note, only students named in those letters qualify, if you have more than one child in the school not all children can be supported by this extra offer.

Packs will be made available and distributed to all students in case of a lack of internet access so that they can complete the work at home.

Arrangements for Y11

On the strike days Y11 will attend school as normal, at 8am for the free breakfast which will continue to be offered. They should report to their Morning Meeting line up space for registration. Their day will consist of masterclasses on English, Science and Maths GCSE papers to support their final exams in the summer. Lunch and breaktime will run as normal and the school day will end at 3pm.

Arrangements for Y13

It is the expectation that Y13 continue to complete coursework where applicable or prepare for their final exams. For additional information, the students should contact their subject teacher.

Finally, we appreciate that the school closures are a disruption and that no one wishes for young people to suffer more inconsistency. Please rest assured Dixons Broadgreen Academy staff will do all they can to minimise this disruption to learning and support your children to succeed despite it.

Projected Strike Dates:

- **Tuesday, 28th February 2023**
- Wednesday, 15th March 2023
- Thursday, 16th March 2023

Yours sincerely,



Mrs R Fidler
Principal

